

# In Social Circles

Mrs. Albert J. Buchanan, Editress.

## Dissatisfied with Bust of Lee—

The bust of Gen. Robert E. Lee recently purchased by the local chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy and donated to the library room of the Bryan High School, is now at Carnegie Library. Since its arrival many who have seen it have expressed dissatisfaction, declaring that the likeness of the bust to General Lee is very poor, and in view of that fact it is a failure in the purpose of educating the school children to know at a glance the features of the South's greatest general.

Mrs. W. G. Tallaferr, president of the chapter, who, through Prof. Kinnard, placed the order for the bust, has made careful inquiry in regard to the model used. The following letter is self-explanatory:

"Boston, July 25, 1912.

"A. W. Kinnard, Esq., Bryan, Texas.  
"Dear Sir—Replying to yours of the 20th we inform you that the bust of General Lee was modeled by a Roman sculptor by the name of Campesi here at our gallery. We procured all the photographs possible of General Lee, from which the bust was modeled. The original of the bust is in our possession. Very truly yours,  
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"Per P. P. Caproni."

## Picture Show Parties—

"Picture show" parties, followed by a delicious little menu served at the ice cream parlor, are becoming a popular form of entertainment in Bryan, and certainly nothing could be more pleasant for the young people on these summer evenings. Miss Ruth Friley of Huntsville, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Webb Howell, was the charming hostess of such a party on Thursday of this week, and the evening was most delightfully spent. The personnel included the hostess,

Miss Friley, Misses Ruth Boatwright, Ara Haswell, Della Lawrence, Florino Batte and Messrs. Arnold Leverton, Sankey Park, Edgeworth Webb, Cone Wilman and Bebb Francis of College.

## In Memory of Mrs. Spencer Ford—

The society editress was handed, for publication, the following beautiful tribute to the memory of one of Bryan's most beloved and honored pioneer women, Mrs. Spencer Ford. During her long residence here Mrs. Ford became a vital part of the social, literary and moral life of Bryan, and her influence for good still lives in the hearts of the entire community. The following resolutions of respect to her memory were adopted by L. S. Ross Chapter, U. D. C., of which organization she was a charter member:

"Whereas, our Heavenly Father saw fit to remove from this life Mrs. Spencer Ford, an honored member of the L. S. Ross Chapter, U. D. C., on the 12th day of July, 1912; therefore be it

"Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Ford, our chapter has lost a beloved and valued member, society has lost a woman distinguished for her refinement and culture, and the church has lost a consecrated and exemplary follower of the Lord and Master. The state has lost a citizen that represented in her pure and exalted life the beautiful virtues and queenly graces of the womanhood of the Old South—a woman who made not only her circle of friends but also the whole state of Texas better by having lived and labored.

"Be it further resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our chapter, a copy given to the press for publication, and a copy furnished to her family.

"Mrs. A. P. Anderson,  
"Mrs. F. I. Garth,  
"Mrs. J. H. Allen,  
"Committee.

"August 9, 1912."

## Rev. Daup To Be Married—

Friends in Bryan will read with interest an account of the approaching marriage of Rev. W. W. Daup, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church of this city, on August 19, at Fort Wayne, Ind., to Miss Ada Howard of that city. The marriage ceremony will be solemnized at 8 o'clock a. m. and Bishop White will be the celebrant. Rev. Daup and his bride will go to Nebraska for a visit to his sister, Mrs. Corey, returning to Bryan about September 15, when they will be at home to their friends at the rectory.

## Masquerade—

Quite the most elaborate and enjoyable affair of the past week was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Haswell on Friday evening. Twenty couples of invited guests were present, and the young men were the gallant hosts of the occasion, having planned and furnished all the pleasures in compliment to their girl

friends. Every guest was masked, and escorts were selected by numbers that were pinned on in "silence."

The girls were with Miss Ruth Friley at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Webb Howell. The boys met them there and the crowd went together in hay wagons.

Entertainment at the Haswell home was in the form of a "stroll party," pretty programs similar to dance programs being used. At intermission another hay ride was enjoyed.

Delicious sandwiches and fruit punch were served during the entire evening. The costumes were elaborate and pretty; the gay colors, gaudy feathers, tinkling bells of folly, whistles and horns mingled happily, and the merry chat and laughter of the maskers blended into the joyous noise of unalloyed fun, pleasure and delight.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Haswell and Miss Ara Haswell leave tomorrow for a visit to Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Lawrence are enjoying a visit to Judge and Mrs. Guinn and their daughter, Miss Marguerite Guinn, of San Antonio. The house party is now being entertained at the beautiful Guinn ranch, "Silver Lake," on the Mexican border near Fort Clarke.

## COMING WEEK DAY BY DAY

### Sunday.

Parade and review of pleasure boat fleet and other big water exhibitions in connection with Chicago's water carnival and naval review.

### Monday.

General baggage agents will meet in Chicago to prepare a statement covering the proposed limitations in the length of trunks to be presented to the interstate commerce commission.

Chicago begins celebration of "Made-in-Chicago Week."

Pittsburgh Electric & Manufacturing Company will apply for incorporation under the laws of Pennsylvania.

Angelo Gleusto, Vincenzo Cona, Filipe De Marco, Lorenzo Laborio Call, Salvatore De Marco, Joseph Ferrone and John W. Collins will be electrocuted at Sing Sing prison, New York, making a record for one week in that state.

John Maruckewski will be put to death at Auburn.

National rifle team, which has been representing the United States at shooting matches in England and Paris, returns to America.

### Tuesday.

The populist national convention will meet at St. Louis to nominate candidates for president and vice president.

Annual meeting of the International Association of Casualty and Surety Underwriters begins at Old Point Comfort. The convention will bring together men in all departments of the business in North America.

Republican state convention meets at Dallas to put a full state ticket in the field. A hot fight is ahead over the chairmanship between Cecil A. Lyon, Roosevelt leader, and H. F. McGregor, regular republican.

Western Canada Irrigation Association meets at Kelowna, B. C.

### Wednesday.

Children's festivals begin in connection with the famous Ocean Grove (N. J.) annual camp meeting.

Exposition opens at Dawson, Y. T., with exhibits of vegetables and flowers that grow to maturity in a few days right on the edge of the Arctic circle.

### Thursday.

Trans-Atlantic ships resume trips over the short northern course, which shortens the distance 110 miles over the southern course, which has been taken during the past few months to avoid icebergs.

The existing appropriation made by congress for the old soldiers' pension fund will be discontinued unless congress makes further appropriations. The pension fund is already short \$30,000,000.

Ab Captain and George Gray, Klamath Indians, released by Judge Boan of Portland, Ore., to go home and harvest their crops, return to prison to serve sixty-day sentences for introducing liquor in the reservation.

Fourteen ships of war will appear off Chicago tonight, with a view to bombarding the city tomorrow.

Governor Thomas R. Marshall, vice presidential candidate on the democratic ticket, will deliver the commencement address at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.

American Geographical Society starts from New York on a trans-continental excursion to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of its founding.

The amendatory regulations applying to the transportation of explo-

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sives ordered by the interstate commerce commission go into effect today.

### Friday.

"Hostile" navy will attack Chicago, the battleship Dubuque being the flagship of the attacking force.

### Saturday.

New Alton station opens in Chicago. Colonel Roosevelt takes the stump in Massachusetts at Point of Pines.

## FOSTER'S WEATHER BULLETIN

Washington, Aug. 10.—(Copyrighted, 1912, by W. T. Foster.)—Last bulletin gave forecasts of disturbance to cross continent August 14 to 18, warm wave 13th to 17th, cool wave 16th to 20th. First part of this disturbance

will be a continuance of the great hot wave of August and a continuance of the drouth. Not a general drouth, but a drouth in sections or spots with thunder showers in other spots.

Last part of this disturbance crossing continent August 16 to 20 will bring unusually cool weather with an increase of rain in many places. While this cool wave is crossing continent light frosts are expected in northern spring wheat sections. A great fall in temperature will follow the passage of the warm wave.

Next disturbance will reach Pacific coast about August 20, cross Pacific slope about close of 21st, great central valleys 22d to 24th, eastern sections 25th. Warm wave will cross Pacific slope about August 20, great central valleys 22d, eastern sections 24th. Cool wave will cross Pacific slope about August 23, great central valleys 25th, eastern sections 27th.

With this disturbance moderate temperatures are expected and less than usual rainfall as a general average, but thunder showers will continue, giving to a few favored localities some relief from the severe drouth and hot weather.

I am expecting less than usual rain during August and September, but the thunder showers will continue to relieve some places, both from excessive heat and drouth.

Cotton, late corn and spring wheat is expected to be damaged by the heat and drouth in some places, probably in more than half of the corn and cotton sections, and for these two crops we may safely calculate pro-

ductions less than the ten-year average.

The week centering on September 20 is expected to be the warmest and driest of the month. This will delay the frosts and give northern spring wheat time to mature. Dry weather in September is most to be feared.

I can not agree with the scientists of our national agricultural department. As I see it, plant life consists of a current of electricity passing down the stem and into the earth. Damp soil is necessary because dry soil will not conduct the electrical current, and a soil largely composed of vegetable mould is better than clay because the former is the better conductor.

Dry farming will often succeed because a pulverized, dry, level surface will hold the necessary moisture. Pulverized iron ore adds largely to plant growth, because it increases the electric current.

The life force of plants—the electric current—comes from space, carries plant food and enters the plant through the top surface of the leaves, depositing the plant food where needed. The electric current passes into the earth. Gases that are generated in the plant by the electric current and not used by the plant pass up the outer sections of the stem and out of the plant through the under surface of the leaves and this is called the respiration or breathing process of the plant.

A government scientist is seldom progressive. They can draw their salaries without the hard study necessary to progress. If they would give up the old foolish idea that plant food comes from the soil and study agriculture from the standpoint of electricity being the life force of plant life we might hope for progress.

The scientific world must accept electro-magnetism as the life force of the universe, the solar system, of planetary organisms, animal and veg-

etable life, the activities of the ether and the atom, condensing the attenuated matter of space and carrying it to centers of the universe.

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

August 10.

1779—Destructive eruption of Mount Vesuvius commenced and lasted several days.

1794—Calvi, in Corsica, surrendered to the British.

1796—Battle of Bossano, in Italy. Bonaparte defeated the Austrians, taking 5000 prisoners.

1804—The King of Portugal ordered all governors of western islands under his jurisdiction to raise troops to quell the insurrection among the negroes in South American Portuguese settlements.

1829—Regiment of militia sent out from Baton Rouge to search the surrounding country for runaway negroes, who were fleeing owing to a scarcity of provisions on the plantations.

1855—Delegates met at the City of Mexico and chose General Carrera president for six months and ordained the freedom of the press.

1903—More than one hundred lives lost in a disaster in underground tunnel at Paris.

1904—Sortie and dispersal of Russian squadron by Japanese fleet under Admiral Togo.

1911—The British house of lords accepted the veto bill by a vote of 131 to 114.

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